UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

SALEH H.M. MUNASSAR,

Plaintiff,

<u>ORDER</u> 1:21-cv-1002-GRJ

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COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY,

Defendant.

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GARY R. JONES, United States Magistrate Judge:

Pending before the Court is Plaintiff's Motion for Attorney's Fees

Pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2412. (Docket No. 42.) The parties have filed a Stipulation, (Docket No. 47) stipulating that

Plaintiff should be awarded seven thousand five hundred dollars

(\$7,500.00) in attorney's fees under the Equal Access to Justice Act.

Upon due consideration, it is **ORDERED**:

1. Plaintiff is awarded attorney's fees and costs under the EAJA in the amount of \$7,500.00. The payment of attorney's fees is subject to any offsetting debt owed by the Plaintiff to the United States. Before the Commissioner shall be obligated to pay the EAJA fees and costs, the Commissioner must determine whether Plaintiff owes a debt to the government. In the event the United States Department of the Treasury

determines that Plaintiff does not owe a federal debt, the Commissioner must then pay the fees directly to Plaintiff's counsel.

2. The Clerk must **TERMINATE** Plaintiff's Motion for Attorney's Fees (Docket No. 42) as a pending motion and then close the file.

Dated: December 16, 2022

GARY R. JONES

United States Magistrate Judge